

Governor's Family Violence Council
staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
100 Community Place, 1st Floor
Crownsville, MD 21032
Monday, November 14, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Jeanne Yeager, Chair
Kara Contino for Senator Bryan Simonaire
Debbie Feinstein
Glenn Fueston
Cynthia Lifson for Michael Cohen
Dorothy Lennig
Helga Luest
John McGinnis for Dr. Karen Salmon
Vernice Renee McKee
Scott Patterson
Manuel Ruiz
Philip Arthur Selden
Lyn Twyman
Dave Wolinski for Secretary Stephen Moyer
Lee Woods for Secretary Van Mitchell
Anne Orwig Weatherholt

Guests:

Tom Williams, Maryland State Police

Staff:

Jessica Wheeler, Senior Director of Juvenile Justice and Victim Services, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Justice Schisler, Chief of Program and Implementation, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention Updates

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves. Glenn Fueston announced Jeanne Yeager as the new Chair of the Council.

Mr. Fueston advised of changes in the structure at the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. Moving forward, the Office will put more emphasis on strategic planning and policy whereas in the past it has been very grant-centered. He emphasized the coordination component

of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. The Office will develop strategic plans for each program area that it focuses on.

II. Chair's Remarks

Jeanne Yeager welcomed all new and existing members and stated that she is looking forward to working in a more strategic manner through planning and coordination with the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention and the Council.

III. Approval of Minutes

Members were provided with minutes from the July 18, 2016 meeting. Scott Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes. Dorothy Lennig seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. Membership Updates

Ms. Wheeler announced that there are several new members have been appointed and/or re-appointed to the Council since the last meeting:

- Michael Cohen
- Debbie Feinstein
- Dorothy Lennig
- Helga Luest
- Philip Selden
- Lyn Twyman
- Reverend Anne Weatherholt

Akeda Pearson Stenbar has resigned from the Council and Dr. Lillian Agbeyegbe is awaiting appointment to fill the position. There are currently two vacant public seats.

V. Workgroup Updates

a. Gun Removal Implementation Workgroup

Dorothy Lennig, Chair of the Workgroup, provided members with an overview of the workgroup. The workgroup has identified several gaps in the Public Safety Article 5-101(b-1). The next steps for the workgroup are to determine if they will recommend legislation. The next meeting is Friday, December 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Howard County State's Attorney's Office located at 3450 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

b. Social and Emotional Learning/ Healthy Teen Dating Workgroup

Debbie Feinstein, Chair of the Workgroup, explained that the workgroup is currently exploring healthy teen dating programs throughout the State. The workgroup does

not intend on proposing legislation. The next meeting is Friday, December 2, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Department of Juvenile Services located at 3451 Court House Drive, 2nd Floor, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

VI. Legislative Updates

Ms. Lennig and Ms. Lifson provided updates on potential legislation in the 2017 General Assembly around protective orders in divorce proceedings, third degree assault, domestic violence offender's registry, and the health care decisions act. Members were asked to continue sharing legislation information with the Council and the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention.

VII. Vine Protection Order (VPO)

These updates will be sent to members via email.

VIII. Old/New Business

Ms. Feinstein announced that she is now chairing the Maryland State's Attorney's Association Domestic Violence Subcommittee and she is happy to relay information from the Council to that subcommittee.

Members agreed that quarterly Council meetings will be scheduled. An annual meeting schedule will be developed and distributed to members.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

January 19, 2017

Judiciary Training Center
2011 Commerce Park Drive
Lower Level 11 and 12
Annapolis, MD 21401
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.